

FIRST STEPS TOWARD GETTING NEW PAVING

Finance Committee Instructed to
Prepare Ordinance Advertis-
ing Bonds for Sale.

ALDERMEN START BALL ROLLING

Plans and Specifications to be Pre-
pared and Submitted by Highways
and Sewers Committee—Various
Important Measures Passed by
Lower Branch Concurred in.

Under a suspension of the rules,
the board of aldermen last night
passed resolutions directing the
finance committee to prepare an or-
dinance advertising the sale of \$100,
000 worth of bonds for permanent
street improvements, and instructing
the Highways and Sewers Committee
to have prepared plans and specifica-
tions for street paving, asphalt
block, bitulithic and any other kinds
of street paving it may deem advis-
able. The ordinance and plans and
specifications will be submitted by
the committee to the board.

The resolutions were offered by
Mr. Burcher last night just before the
close of the regular meeting of the
board. He said that he thought this
matter had been held up long enough
and that it was time the committee
were at work upon it.

Many matters of business from the
common council were disposed of in
short order by the board. Those
present at the meeting were: Messrs.
Burcher, Davis, Nelms, Read, Robin-
son, Weston and President Jones.

Matters from Lower Branch.
The board concurred in the action
of the common council in adopting
the following ordinances:

Appropriating \$1,500 from the "Cre-
matory fund," for the use of the high-
ways and sewers department in lay-
ing culverts on streets between War-
wick and Madison avenues.

Appropriating \$225 and \$75 for set-
tling suits filed by Mr. Pike and Mrs.
M. J. Smith on account of the filling
in of a street in front of certain
lots.

Imposing a tax of \$1.05 on the hun-
dred for general purposes and 20
cents on the hundred for the mainte-
nance of public schools, upon in-
comes. (Amounts in excess of \$600
per year being assessable.)

An ordinance canvassing the \$100,
000 street paving bond issue election,
and declaring the election carried in
favor of issuing the bonds.

Directing the mayor and city
attorney to look into the mat-
ter of improving the transporta-
tion facilities between here and the
Exposition and, if feasible, to take the
matter before the Corporation Com-
mission and prosecute the cause for
the citizens of Newport News and at
the expense of the city.

Ordering paid claim of \$12 from
the National Disinfectant Company.

Mr. George Nelms Wise appeared
to protest against the passage of the
income tax measure and was given
the privilege of the floor. He con-
tended that the tax was not a fair
one and that his clients, who objected
to it, should at least be given a hear-
ing before the adoption of the or-
dinance.

Will Not Burden Theaters.
An ordinance requiring all theaters
to have separate exits from each bal-
cony or gallery, adopted by the com-
mon council, was laid upon the table.

Messrs. Read and Robinson de-
clared that the council was continu-
ally trying to impose some sort of
hardship upon the owner of the Acad-
emy of Music, and urged that the
measure be not passed until the mat-
ter could be thoroughly investigated.
Mr. Davis spoke in favor of the mea-
sure, but said that he did not object
to allowing it to lie over until the
next meeting.

For Jubilee Day.
President Jones offered an or-
dinance appropriating \$100 to defray
this city's share of the expense in
celebrating Tidewater Jubilee Day at
the Jamestown Exposition. The mea-
sure was passed under a suspension
of the rules.

Both branches of the council al-
ready have appointed committees
to represent Newport News in the
making of the arrangements for the
celebration.

HAD SIX REASONS FOR TAKING HIS OWN LIFE

Certainly Put Up Good Strong Argu-
ment Why He Had Right to
Commit Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILLS., May 14.—Six re-
asons why he killed himself were given
by E. Bauford L. Leeds, a guest of the
Warner Hotel, who was found dead
in his room last night, having com-

mitted suicide by taking strychnine.
The reasons were as follows:
"First—I have been dissatisfied
since I was a child.

"Second—I have been handicapped
throughout life with deformed feet.

"Third—One side of my body has
been paralyzed for the past ten years.

"Fourth—My right hand has been
ruined by an accident.

"Fifth—I have been a sufferer from
neuralgia.

"Sixth—I have been up against a
score of financial misfortunes."

Leeds, who it is supposed was a
chemist, left a letter addressed to
Miss Blanche Keller, Swanton, Ohio,
and it is believed his home was at
that place. He was about 30 years
old.

WHITE CAPS GET BUSY WITH WINCHESTER FARMERS

Alleged to Have Been Intimate With
a Young Woman He Had Reared
From Girlhood.

(Special to The Daily Press.)
WINCHESTER, VA., May 14.—Be-
cause of apparent intimacy between
William Newcomb and Grace Colts, a
pretty girl who had been reared from
her infancy in the Newcomb home, a
party of 30 young men, dressed as
White Caps, last night took Newcomb
into the woods and administered a
sound thrashing with hickories and
hedge branches. Tar and feathers
had meantime been prepared by an-
other crowd, but Newcomb and the
girl managed to escape. Newcomb is
40 years of age and has a wife and
six children. Newcomb is alleged to
have told his wife that he loved the
girl more than he loved her. The
man has been notified to cease his at-
tentions to the girl or the tar and
feathers treatment will be adminis-
tered.

His house was watched by White
Capsers tonight.

REWARD OFFERED FOR TWO YOUNG WHITE FIENDS

They Are Charged With Assaulting
Woman While Her Husband Was
Held at Bay.

(Special to The Daily Press.)
BRISTOL, VA., May 14.—A reward
of \$150 was offered today for the
arrest of Trigg Nelms, aged 23, and
Charles Mann, aged 22, who are want-
ed at Kingsport, Tenn., on the charge
of having recently criminally assau-
lted Mrs. Frank Belcher, a respectable
white woman, in the presence of her
husband and their fourteen year old
daughter. Warrants were issued for
their arrest soon after the Belcher
home had been entered by armed men
at night; Mrs. Belcher being assaulted
by both men, each holding her hus-
band at bay with a revolver while
the other committed the crime. Mann
was formerly employed at Surrey
courthouse, this state. Both men
have been missing since the commis-
sion of the crime.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS FOR MAN AND BEAST

City Purchases the Fountains and
Water Will Be Given Free
of Charge.

Acting under instructions from the
highways and sewers committee of
the council, Superintendent of Streets
S. J. Harwood has purchased three
street fountains, "for man and beast,"
and will install them at points near
Forty-fourth street and Huntington
avenue, Twenty-fourth street and
Chestnut avenue, and Twenty-third
street and Jefferson avenue.

The Newport News Light & Water
Company has volunteered to make the
connections and furnish water for the
fountains free of charge.

The fountain in front of the city
hall will be overhauled and "fixed-up."

GENERAL KUROKI LEAVES HERE FOR NEW YORK

Special Train Passes Through City
at 1 o'clock This Morning—Visit
to Shipyard.

A special Chesapeake & Ohio train,
bearing Colonel Thomas, U. S. A.,
General Baron Kuroki, the Japanese
army representative to the Jamestown
Exposition and his party of thirty,
passed through this city shortly after
midnight this morning on their way
from Old Point to New York, where
the general will be tendered a ban-
quet tonight.

General Kuroki, escorted by Major
General Fred. Grant, came here yester-
day morning at 10 o'clock, and
spent nearly two hours inspecting the
shipyard.

Last night General Grant tendered
an informal dinner at the Chamberlin
in honor of the Japanese general.

Panama Canal Strike.

(By Associated Press.)
PANAMA, May 14.—The strike of
the steam shovelers which began yester-
day, the men demanding \$300 per
month instead of their present salary
of \$210, continues today. This morn-
ing only eight steam shovelers were at
work.

WAS SMALL FIRE BUT GREAT BRAVERY SHOWN

Ten Thousand Dollar Baza In New
York Blocks Broadway Traf-
fic for Hours.

SMOKE CHOKES MANY FIREMEN

Many of Them Succumbed and Were
Hauled Out by Their Fellow Work-
ers Who in Turn Were Rendered
Unconscious by the Dense Smoke—
Many Close Calls.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 14.—Sixty fire-
men practically every man in seven
fire companies, were overcome by
smoke in fighting a fire in the Rem-
ington Typewriter building at 325
Broadway today. More than a score
of men were taken to hospitals, where
sixty of them remain tonight.

It was one of the hardest fights
New York firemen have had and never
was there more bravery shown.
The fire was in the sub-basement of
the building and for more than two
hours the men fought desperately.
But for the heroism shown many
would have lost their lives.

The fire originated in an unex-
plained way in the sub-basement,
which was filled with desks packed
in excelsior, oil and carbon paper.
This threw off great masses of chok-
ing smoke, which made it impos-
sible for the men to reach the seat of
the fire. By companies the men at-
tempted to descend into the base-
ment, only to be overcome by the
smoke, and the next detachment was
compelled to carry the unconscious
men up to the sidewalks. Men groped
in the smoke-choked cellar by the
light of lanterns, found their com-
rades and struggled with them up the
ladders to sidewalks only to fall
swooning, but ready to return to the
fight after they had got a breath of
fresh air.

Nothing could stop them until hospi-
tal doctors bundled them into am-
bulances and hurried them away to
the hospitals. Among those in the
hospital several are in serious con-
dition, although it is thought all will
recover. The streams from the hose
lines could not reach the fire directly
and it was not until the sub-basement
was practically full of water that the
fire was controlled.

Broadway was blocked for hours
by a tremendous crowd of onlookers.
The loss amounted to not more than
\$10,000.

NO SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS AFTER JULY 1.

All That Will Be Needed is Ten Cents
Worth of Stamps and Written
Words "Special Delivery."

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—No
special delivery postage stamps will
be needed after the first of next July
to insure immediate delivery of a let-
ter. Pursuant to an act of the last
session of Congress Postmaster Gen-
eral Meyer today issued an order that
on and after July 1, 1907 if there is
attached to any letter or package of
mail matter ten cents worth of stamps
of any denomination, with the words
"Special Delivery" written or print-
ed on the envelope or covering, in ad-
dition to the postage required for ordi-
nary delivery, the article will be han-
dled as if it bore a regulation special
delivery stamp.

Brownsville on the Map Again.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—The
senate committee on military af-
fairs resumed its consideration of the
Brownsville affair today, but after
half an hour's discussion of procedure
an adjournment was taken until 10:30
o'clock tomorrow. This was done for
the purpose of giving Senator War-
ner an opportunity to consult with
the government's witnesses which are
to be examined next.

No Bucket Shops in Pennsylvania.

(By Associated Press.)
HARRISBURG, PA., May 14.—The
anti-bucket shop bill passed the sen-
ate today by a vote of 36 to 1. The
bill now goes to the Governor.

FEW CRIMINAL CASES.

Grand Jury Returns True Bills
Against Only Three Offenders.

The Corporation Court convened
yesterday for the May term. Judge
Barham called his docket for the term
and a grand jury examined into sev-
eral cases sent up from the police
court during the past two months.
Only three true bills were returned
and it is likely that the greater part
of the court's time will be taken up
with civil matters.

In the case of Charles Smith,

Austrian and Jap Vessels Leave Roads

Great Fleet is Beginning to Break-
up, But Some Ships
Remain.

WILL REASSEMBLE NEXT MONTH

American and Foreign Squadrons
Expected to Return Before June 10,
When President Roosevelt Comes
Again—Indiana and New Jersey
Go to New York.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., May
14.—After a stay of nine days in
Hampton Roads, Admiral Itoh's Jap-
anese squadron, composed of the im-
mense armored cruiser Tsubuka and
the protected cruiser Chitose, put to
sea this morning for New York,
where it will remain for a week or
more. Tomorrow night the officers
of the warships will be the guests of
honor at a banquet given by the Jap-
anese merchants of New York.

Leaving this continent the warships
will steam across the Atlantic to
London, and after a short stay there
will go to Wilhelmshafen, Cherbourg
and other European ports, returning
in November to Yokohama, from
whence they sailed for the James-
town Exposition at 11:30 o'clock on
the morning of March 28, amid a
royal farewell.

These warships no doubt will at-
tract a great deal of attention at New
York and the European ports at which
they stop. The Chitose, built in the
United States ten years ago, did
splendid service in the Japanese-
Russian war and was frequently men-
tioned in the accounts of different
battles and bombardments. Besides
participating in the memorable battle
of August 8, when the Russian Ad-
miral Vitthof, with the whole fleet
under his command, made a bold at-
tempt to break through the blockade
of Port Arthur, she played a conspic-
uous part in the enveloping move-
ments in the battle of the sea of
Japan and contributed to the demoral-
ization of the Russian fleet.

The armored cruiser Tsubuka is
the largest and newest of the Japane-
se built warships and is the best
specimen of Japanese naval con-
struction to be exhibited before the
world. The vessel's keel was laid in
January, 1905, she was launched the
following December and was commis-
sioned on February 6, 1906. She em-
bodies several new departures in
warship construction, chief of which
is the absence of any outside ventila-
tors, air being supplied by an interior
system of ventilation known only to
the Japanese.

The Tsubuka is 440 feet long, 75
feet beam and is of 13,750 tons dis-
placement. Her combined indicated
horsepower is 20,000. Her armor belt
of Krupp steel ranges in thickness of
from 4 to 7 inches and her speed is
21 knots.

Austrians Also Leave.
The Austrian fleet, composed of
the armored cruiser Sankt Georg and
the protected cruiser Aspern, which
arrived in the Roads two weeks ago,
steamed up Chesapeake Bay this
morning for Annapolis and will later
sail for New York. After a stay of a
week or more at that port, the two
warships will return to the Medi-
terranean sea.

Maine and New Jersey Gone.
The United States battleships
Maine and New Jersey sailed for
New York. The Georgia and others
will go today. It is understood that
all the American ships, as well as the
Japanese and Austrian vessels, will
be back when the President comes
again.

Known as "Hank Smith," the fire de-
partment driver charged with assault-
ing Mr. M. J. West on the night of
the fire which destroyed the old Barton
theatre, got a true bill was re-
turned. The commonwealth had
been unable to find important wit-
ness in the case.

Other cases were disposed of as
follows:
William Klotz, felonious assault, a
true bill.
Ella Ewell, felonious assault, a true
bill.
Early Jenkins, felony, not a true
bill.
Judson Strong, felony, not a true
bill.
Lewis Crump, felony, not a true
bill.

SUES SCHOONER FOR
DAMAGES AND SALVAGE

Attorney Stuart Libels the William
Thomas Moore for the
Steamer Bayoma.

In the Federal Court at Norfolk
yesterday, Attorney William C. Stur-
art, of this city, acting for the New
York and Cuban Mail Steamship
Company, owners of the steamer Bay-
oma, sued out a libel against the
schooner William Thomas Moore for
\$20,000 damages, and another libel
asking for salvage.

The libeling grows out of a col-
lision of the schooner and steamer
off Hog Island Sunday morning. The
steamer towed the schooner into the
Roads, and then came here for re-
pairs.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBIT
SHIPPED TO EXPOSITION

Work of Newport News Pupils Will
Be Placed in Model School
Building.

The Newport News public school
exhibit for the Jamestown Exposition
was shipped to the Exposition
yesterday morning, and will
today be installed in the Model School
Building, under the direction of Mr.
Willis A. Jenkins, of this city, who
has charge of the State public school
exhibits at the tercentennial.

Most of the exhibit is contained in
two large oak folding cabinets, re-
cently purchased by the board of
school trustees for the purpose. The
manual training exhibit, however, will
be placed on display separately.

Dead Shriners Being Brought East.
(By Associated Press.)
SANTA BARBARA, CAL., May 14.—
The Shiner funeral train, bearing
the bodies of the 21 victims of the
Honda disaster and with a party of
more than 200 of those who escaped
from the wreck departed for the East
today.

Another Delay in Eddy Suit.
(By Associated Press.)
CONCORD, N. H., May 14.—A mo-
tion for additional time in which to
file supplemental pleadings has been
granted counsel for the plaintiffs
in the suit brought by the "next
friends" of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy,
for an accounting of the property of
the Christian Science leader, in the
Merrimack county Superior Court.

CHARGED WITH WIFE-BEATING.

B. A. Gatewood Jailed Upon Spouse's
Complaint.

B. A. Gatewood, a white man 47
years old, was arrested at his home,
125 River Road, last night by Pa-
trolman Parrish and Johnson on the
charge of disorderly conduct. It is
alleged that the prisoner brutally as-
saulted his wife, while the man
claims that she struck him in the
back of the head with an axe.

Let Prisoner Escape.

C. C. Harper, a young white man,
was arrested at Urbanna Monday at
the request of Chief of Police Rey-
nolds, to be held on the charge of be-
trayal under promise of marriage.
The Urbana officials allowed the
prisoner to escape within fifteen min-
utes after he had been taken into
custody.

NORFOLK BANKERS TO FRONT.

Will Take \$100,000 Worth of Exposi-
tion Bonds.

The Norfolk bankers have agreed to
take \$100,000 worth of the James-
town Exposition bond issue of \$100,
000, and will take \$50,000 additional
if necessary. This relieves the com-
pany of the need of money.

Marvin Boy Died from Exposure.

DOVER, DEL., May 14.—The jury
which has been investigating the
death of Horace Marvin, Jr., rendered
the following verdict: "That
Horace N. Marvin, Jr., came to his
death from exposure the fourth day
of March, 1907."

Mrs. Cross Chosen.

Mrs. P. B. Cross, of this city, was
yesterday elected mistress-at-arms by
the Lady Maccabees of the World.
Now in annual session at Norfolk.

Rifles Ordered Out.

Captain Moore, of the Huntington
Rifles, has ordered the members of
his company to report at the armory
tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock to
participate in the Elks' parade. Dress
uniforms will be worn.

Both Sides Sure of Victory

President of the Longshoremen's
Union Says That There Have Been
Some Desertions But That They
Have Been More Than Offset by
Additions from the Strikbreakers.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 14.—With both
sides seemingly confident of winning
there is little change in the long-
shoremen's strike situation. There
were few disturbances during the
day. In the afternoon a non-union
man was stoned and this evening a
striker was severely beaten near
the Red Star pier. Two of his
assaults were arrested. Only two
large liners were due to sail today.
The Kaiser Wilhelm II, of the orth
German Lloyd, got away on time and
the agents say carried a full cargo.
The Furnessia, of the Anchor line,
however, had not sailed at a late hour
tonight. The American and Red Star
liners received about 300 strikers
from Philadelphia. The men
were put to work on the piers.

The North German Lloyd officers
stated today that they would save
no further trouble and that all the
steamships would sail out with full
cargoes.

President Connors, of the Long-
shoremen's Union, declared that con-
ditions are better than he had hoped
for. There have been desertions from
the ranks, he says, but on the other
hand many of the strikers have
joined the strikers. He also says that
he is assured of the co-operation of
the Philadelphia Longshoremen's Union
and that the men will refuse to
unload ships sent there from New
York.

Bull Campaign in Wheat Checked.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILLS., May 14.—The bull
campaign in wheat was temporarily
checked today by enormous realizing
sales which forced prices down about
3 cents from the high point of the
day. Almost all of this loss, how-
ever, was subsequently regained on a
renewal of bullish activities, the
market closing strong with the July
delivery unchanged compared with
yesterday's final quotations. The
September and December options
were each a half lower than yester-
day's close. July corn was off 1/4 a
1/4. Oats were down 1/4, and provi-
sions 7/8 to 3/4.

Mr. Bryce Leaves Richmond.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., May 14.—Ambas-
sador Bryce, Mrs. Bryce and Lady
Evelyn Gray, of Canada, enjoyed a
good Virginia breakfast in the execu-
tive mansion, and then prepared to
see some of the city sights under
escort of their hostess, Governor
Swanson and Mrs. Swanson and Mr.
Joseph Bryan. Shortly before noon
they took their private car for Wash-
ington.

Mr. Ryan Declines to Talk.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 14.—Thomas F.
Ryan, the financier, declined today
to make any statement on the reports
from Richmond that he was gradu-
ally withdrawing from business ac-
tivities with the purpose of retiring
to his estate in Nelson county, Va.,
where he would devote himself to
his books and stock farm.

25,000 People to Get More Wages.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW BEDFORD, MASS., May 14.—
The New Bedford Cotton Manufactur-
ers Association today voted to in-
crease the wages of operatives in the
New Bedford Textile Mills 10 per
cent on May 27. The advance will
affect 25,000 employees.

Women Mission Workers Meet.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., May 14.—The
Women's Foreign Missionary Board
of the Methodist Church South which
has been in session, ended its ses-
sion with a great mass meeting to-
night. It will meet next year in New
Orleans.

Bad Transportation.

Captain Killian, of the commissary
department, yesterday engaged a tug
to take a cargo of supplies over to
the Exposition grounds for the sol-
diers encamped there. The trans-
portation facilities are very poor and
Captain Killian has had a great deal
of difficulty getting his supplies
across the Roads.

Exposition Program for Today.

8 a. m.—Exposition gates open.
9 a. m.—Exposition and government buildings open.
9 a. m.—Cavalry drill, Twelfth cavalry, Lee Parade.
10:30 a. m.—Guard mount, Twenty-third Infantry, Lee Parade.
2 p. m.—Concert by Phinney's band, reviewing stand.
4 p. m.—Regimental drill, Twenty-third Infantry, Lee Parade.
6 p. m.—Organ recital, auditorium.
8 p. m.—Concert by Phinney's band, auditorium plaza.
11 p. m.—Exposition gates close.